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## IN THE WATER COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA LOWER MISSOURI DIVISION MUSSELSHELL RIVER ABOVE ROUNDUP BASIN (40A) PRELIMINARY DECREE

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CLAIMANTS: George L. Cremer; Leo J. Cremer Jr.;

MC Land & Livestock Inc.

OBJECTORS: Cremer Rodeo Land & Livestock Co.

## CASE 40A-0559-R-2022

40A 179832-0040A 179865-0040A 179835-0040A 179866-0040A 179836-0040A 179879-0040A 179850-0040A 179884-0040A 179852-0040A 179885-0040A 179862-0040A 179887-00

## NOTICE OF FILING OF MASTER'S REPORT

This Master's Report was filed with the Montana Water Court on the above stamped date. Please review this report carefully.

You may file a written objection to this Master's Report within **10 days** of the stamped date if you disagree or find errors with the Master's findings of fact, conclusions of law, or recommendations. Rule 23, W.R.Adj.R. If the Master's Report was mailed to you, the Montana Rules of Civil Procedure allow an additional 3 days be added to the 10-day objection period. Rule 6(d), M.R.Civ.P. If you file an objection, you must serve a copy of the objection to all parties on the service list found at the end of the Master's Report. The original objection and a certificate of mailing to all parties on the service list must be filed with the Water Court.

If you do not file a timely objection, the Water Court will conclude that you agree with the content of this Master's Report.

## MASTER'S REPORT

The above-captioned claims appeared in the Preliminary Decree for the Musselshell River above Roundup (Basin 40A) issued on June 7, 2017. Claims 40A

179835-00, 40A 179836-00, 40A 179850-00, 40A 179865-00, and 40A 179866-00 are owned by MC Land & Livestock Inc. The remaining claims are co-owned by George L. Cremer and Leo J. Crème Jr. Cremer Rodeo Land & Livestock Co. objected to each claim.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On March 23, 2023, Objector withdrew their objections to claims 40A 179832-00, 40A 179835-00, 40A 179836-00, 40A 179850-00, and 40A 179887-00. (Doc. 18.00).

## **Priority Date Objections**

40A 179852-00

- 2. Claim 40A 179852-00 appeared in the Basin 40A Preliminary Decree as a claim for stock drinking directly from a spring in the SESENE of Section 14, T4N, R16E, Sweet Grass County.
- 3. The claim was decreed with a priority date of January 25, 1964. The Statement of Claim listed 1963 as the priority date, based on the Notice of Completion of Groundwater Appropriation attached to the Statement of Claim. The type of right was set as "filed".
- 4. The priority date was modified during DNRC verification to the date the Notice of Completion was filed January 25, 1964.
  - 5. Cremer Rodeo Land & Livestock Co. objected to the priority date, stating:

Nelson Story arrived in Livingston, Montana including area of this ranch in December 1866 with over 600 head of cattle from Texas (The Crazy Mountain Museum and the Big Sky Words website). The first ranchers on the Musselshell were William Gordon and Perry, Sanford, and John Moore. William Gordon brought a small group of cattle to the Upper Musselshell in 1870 to winter there and by 1885 had over 1,200 head of cattle (Milton Ranch History). John Murphy started the 79 Ranch in 1879 and had over 10,000 head of cattle in the Musselshell drainage by 1883 Milton Ranch History. The priority date of this claim should be changed from 01/25/1964 to 12/31/1866. Livestock have been watering at the location of this claim to the present time. The source name also requires correction, the spring does not flow into a named source.

- 6. On March 23, 2023, Objector filed an affidavit from Matt Cremer. (Doc. 9.00).
- 7. The affidavit includes a screenshot of the land patent for the W2 of Section 14, T4N, R16E, Sweet Grass County granted to Leo E. Cremer on August 14, 1917.
  - 8. Mr. Cremer states that:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Doc." numerical references correlate to case file docket numbers in the Water Court's Full Court case management system.

My family has continuously grazed livestock on the land located at the place of use and point of diversion for this claim since 1915. Based on the land patent for the point of diversion and place of use for this claim and the continuous historical use by my family, the priority date should be modified from 1/25/1964 to 8/14/1917.

- 9. However, the land patent does not cover the point of diversion and place of use for claim 40A 179852-00. The affidavit states the land patent for the W2 of Section 14 is relevant to historical use in Section 25 because it "is in the area of the legal description of the point of diversion and place of use for claim 40A 179852-00." The land patent is for both a different section than the claimed point of diversion and place of use. 40A 179862-00
- 10. Claim 40A 179862-00 appeared in the Basin 40A Preliminary Decree as a claim for stock drinking directly from a spring in the SWSWNW of Section 25, T4N, R16E, Sweet Grass County.
- 11. The claim was decreed with a priority date of January 25, 1964. The Statement of Claim listed 1963 as the priority date, based on the Notice of Completion of Groundwater Appropriation attached to the Statement of Claim. The type of right was set as "filed".
- 12. The priority date was modified during DNRC verification to the date the Notice of Completion was filed January 25, 1964.
  - 13. Cremer Rodeo Land & Livestock Co. objected to the priority date, stating:

Nelson Story arrived in Livingston, Montana including area of this ranch in December 1866 with over 600 head of cattle from Texas (The Crazy Mountain Museum and the Big Sky Words website). The first ranchers on the Musselshell were William Gordon and Perry, Sanford, and John Moore. William Gordon brought a small group of cattle to the Upper Musselshell in 1870 to winter there and by 1885 had over 1,200 head of cattle (Milton Ranch History). John Murphy started the 79 Ranch in 1879 and had over 10,000 head of cattle in the Musselshell drainage by 1883 Milton Ranch History. The priority date of this claim should be changed from 01/25/1964 to 12/31/1866. Livestock have been watering at the location of this claim to the present time. The source name also requires correction, the spring does not flow into a named source.

- 14. The affidavit includes a screenshot of the land patent for the W2 of Section 14, T4N, R16E, Sweet Grass County granted to Leo E. Cremer on August 14, 1917.
  - 15. Mr. Cremer states that:

My family has continuously grazed livestock on the land located at the place of use and point of diversion for this claim since 1915. Based on the land patent for the point of diversion and place of use for this claim and the continuous historical use by my family, the priority date should be modified from 1/25/1964 to 8/14/1917.

## 40A 179865-00

16. Claim 40A 179865-00 appeared in the Basin 40A Preliminary Decree as a claim for stock drinking directly from a spring in the SESESW of Section 17, T4N, R17E, Sweet Grass County.

- 17. The claim was decreed with a priority date of January 25, 1964. The Statement of Claim listed 1963 as the priority date, based on the Notice of Completion of Groundwater Appropriation attached to the Statement of Claim. The type of right was set as "filed".
- 18. The priority date was modified during DNRC verification to the date the Notice of Completion was filed January 25, 1964.
  - 19. Cremer Rodeo Land & Livestock Co. objected to the priority date, stating:

Nelson Story arrived in Livingston, Montana including area of this ranch in December 1866 with over 600 head of cattle from Texas (The Crazy Mountain Museum and the Big Sky Words website). The first ranchers on the Musselshell were William Gordon and Perry, Sanford, and John Moore. William Gordon brought a small group of cattle to the Upper Musselshell in 1870 to winter there and by 1885 had over 1,200 head of cattle (Milton Ranch History). John Murphy started the 79 Ranch in 1879 and had over 10,000 head of cattle in the Musselshell drainage by 1883 Milton Ranch History. The priority date of this claim should be changed from 01/25/1964 to 12/31/1866. Livestock have been watering at the location of this claim to the present time. The source name also requires correction, the spring does not flow into a named source.

- 20. The affidavit includes a screenshot of the land patent for the W2 of Section 14, T4N, R16E, Sweet Grass County granted to Leo E. Cremer on August 14, 1917.
  - 21. Mr. Cremer states that:

My family has continuously grazed livestock on the land located at the place of use and point of diversion for this claim since 1915. Based on the land patent for the point of diversion and place of use for this claim and the continuous historical use by my family, the priority date should be modified from 1/25/1964 to 8/14/1917.

22. However, the land patent does not cover the point of diversion and place of use for claim 40A 179865-00. The affidavit states the land patent is relevant to historical use in Section 25 because it "is in the area of the legal description of the point of diversion and place of use for claim 40A 179865-00." The land patent is for both a different section and a different range than the claimed point of diversion and place of use.

### 40A 179866-00

- 23. Claim 40A 179866-00 appeared in the Basin 40A Preliminary Decree as a claim for stock drinking directly from a spring in the SWSWSE of Section 17, T4N, R17E, Sweet Grass County.
- 24. The claim was decreed with a priority date of January 25, 1964. The Statement of Claim listed 1963 as the priority date, based on the Notice of Completion of Groundwater Appropriation attached to the Statement of Claim. The type of right was set as "filed".

- 25. The priority date was modified during DNRC verification to the date the Notice of Completion was filed January 25, 1964.
  - 26. Cremer Rodeo Land & Livestock Co. objected to the priority date, stating:

Nelson Story arrived in Livingston, Montana including area of this ranch in December 1866 with over 600 head of cattle from Texas (The Crazy Mountain Museum and the Big Sky Words website). The first ranchers on the Musselshell were William Gordon and Perry, Sanford, and John Moore. William Gordon brought a small group of cattle to the Upper Musselshell in 1870 to winter there and by 1885 had over 1,200 head of cattle (Milton Ranch History). John Murphy started the 79 Ranch in 1879 and had over 10,000 head of cattle in the Musselshell drainage by 1883 Milton Ranch History. The priority date of this claim should be changed from 01/25/1964 to 12/31/1866. Livestock have been watering at the location of this claim to the present time. The source name also requires correction, the spring does not flow into a named source.

- 27. The affidavit includes a screenshot of the land patent for the W2 of Section 14, T4N, R16E, Sweet Grass County granted to Leo E. Cremer on August 14, 1917.
  - 28. Mr. Cremer states that:

My family has continuously grazed livestock on the land located at the place of use and point of diversion for this claim since 1915. Based on the land patent for the point of diversion and place of use for this claim and the continuous historical use by my family, the priority date should be modified from 1/25/1964 to 8/14/1917.

29. However, the land patent does not cover the point of diversion and place of use for claim 40A 179866-00. The affidavit states the land patent is relevant to historical use in the W2 of Section 14 because it "is in the area of the legal description of the point of diversion and place of use for claim 40A 179866-00." The land patent is for both a different section and a different range than the claimed point of diversion and place of use.

### 40A 179879-00

- 30. Claim 40A 179879-00 appeared in the Basin 40A Preliminary Decree as a claim for stock drinking directly from a spring in the SESENE of Section 14, T4N, R16E, Sweet Grass County.
- 31. The claim was decreed with a priority date of January 25, 1964. The Statement of Claim listed 1963 as the priority date, based on the Notice of Completion of Groundwater Appropriation attached to the Statement of Claim. The type of right was set as "filed".
- 32. The priority date was modified during DNRC verification to the date the Notice of Completion was filed January 25, 1964.
  - 33. Cremer Rodeo Land & Livestock Co. objected to the priority date, stating:

Nelson Story arrived in Livingston, Montana including area of this ranch in December 1866 with over 600 head of cattle from Texas (The Crazy Mountain Museum and the Big Sky Words website). The first ranchers on the Musselshell were William Gordon and Perry, Sanford, and John Moore. William Gordon brought a small group of cattle to the Upper Musselshell in 1870 to winter there and by 1885 had over 1,200 head of cattle (Milton Ranch History). John Murphy started the 79 Ranch in 1879 and had over 10,000 head of cattle in the Musselshell drainage by 1883 Milton Ranch History. The priority date of this claim should be changed from 01/25/1964 to 12/31/1866. Livestock have been watering at the location of this claim to the present time. The source name also requires correction, the spring does not flow into a named source.

- 34. The affidavit includes a screenshot of the land patent for the W2 of Section 14, T4N, R16E, Sweet Grass County granted to Leo E. Cremer on August 14, 1917.
  - 35. Mr. Cremer states that:

My family has continuously grazed livestock on the land located at the place of use and point of diversion for this claim since 1915. Based on the land patent for the point of diversion and place of use for this claim and the continuous historical use by my family, the priority date should be modified from 1/25/1964 to 8/14/1917.

36. However, the land patent does not cover the point of diversion and place of use for claim 40A 179879-00. The affidavit states the land patent is relevant to historical use in the SESENE of Section 14 because it "is in the area of the legal description of the point of diversion and place of use for claim 40A 179879-00." The land patent is for both a different section than the claimed point of diversion and place of use.

## 40A 179884-00

- 37. Claim 40A 179884-00 appeared in the Basin 40A Preliminary Decree as a claim for stock drinking directly from a spring in the SESENE of Section 26, T4N, R16E, Sweet Grass County.
- 38. The claim was decreed with a priority date of January 25, 1964. The Statement of Claim listed 1963 as the priority date, based on the Notice of Completion of Groundwater Appropriation attached to the Statement of Claim. The type of right was set as "filed".
- 39. The priority date was modified during DNRC verification to the date the Notice of Completion was filed January 25, 1964.
  - 40. Cremer Rodeo Land & Livestock Co. objected to the priority date, stating:

Nelson Story arrived in Livingston, Montana including area of this ranch in December 1866 with over 600 head of cattle from Texas (The Crazy Mountain Museum and the Big Sky Words website). The first ranchers on the Musselshell were William Gordon and Perry, Sanford, and John Moore. William Gordon brought a small group of cattle to the Upper Musselshell in 1870 to winter there and by 1885 had over 1,200 head of cattle (Milton Ranch History). John Murphy started the 79 Ranch in 1879 and had over 10,000 head of cattle in the Musselshell drainage by 1883 Milton Ranch History. The priority date of this claim should be changed from 01/25/1964 to 12/31/1866. Livestock have been watering at the location of this claim to the present time. The source name also requires correction, the spring does not flow into a named source.

41. The affidavit includes a screenshot of the land patent for the W2 of Section 14, T4N, R16E, Sweet Grass County granted to Leo E. Cremer on August 14, 1917.

## 42. Mr. Cremer states that:

My family has continuously grazed livestock on the land located at the place of use and point of diversion for this claim since 1915. Based on the land patent for the point of diversion and place of use for this claim and the continuous historical use by my family, the priority date should be modified from 1/25/1964 to 8/14/1917.

43. However, the land patent does not cover the point of diversion and place of use for claim 40A 179884-00. The affidavit states the land patent is relevant to historical use in the SESENE of Section 26 because it "is in the area of the legal description of the point of diversion and place of use for claim 40A 179884-00." The land patent is for both a different section than the claimed point of diversion and place of use.

## 40A 179885-00

- 44. Claim 40A 179885-00 appeared in the Basin 40A Preliminary Decree as a claim for stock drinking directly from a spring in the NENWSE of Section 26, T4N, R16E, Sweet Grass County.
- 45. The claim was decreed with a priority date of January 25, 1964. The Statement of Claim listed 1963 as the priority date, based on the Notice of Completion of Groundwater Appropriation attached to the Statement of Claim. The type of right was set as "filed".
- 46. The priority date was modified during DNRC verification to the date the Notice of Completion was filed January 25, 1964.
  - 47. Cremer Rodeo Land & Livestock Co. objected to the priority date, stating:

Nelson Story arrived in Livingston, Montana including area of this ranch in December 1866 with over 600 head of cattle from Texas (The Crazy Mountain Museum and the Big Sky Words website). The first ranchers on the Musselshell were William Gordon and Perry, Sanford, and John Moore. William Gordon brought a small group of cattle to the Upper Musselshell in 1870 to winter there and by 1885 had over 1,200 head of cattle (Milton Ranch History). John Murphy started the 79 Ranch in 1879 and had over 10,000 head of cattle in the Musselshell drainage by 1883 Milton Ranch History. The priority date of this claim should be changed from 01/25/1964 to 12/31/1866. Livestock have been watering at the location of this claim to the present time. The source name also requires correction, the spring does not flow into a named source.

- 48. The affidavit includes a screenshot of the land patent for the W2 of Section 14, T4N, R16E, Sweet Grass County granted to Leo E. Cremer on August 14, 1917.
  - 49. Mr. Cremer states that:

My family has continuously grazed livestock on the land located at the place of use and point of diversion for this claim since 1915. Based on the land patent for the point of diversion and place of use for this claim and the continuous historical use by my family, the priority date should be modified from 1/25/1964 to 8/14/1917.

50. However, the land patent does not cover the point of diversion and place of use for claim 40A 179885-00. The affidavit states the land patent is relevant to historical use in the NENWSE of Section 26 because it "is in the area of the legal description of the

point of diversion and place of use for claim 40A 179885-00." The land patent is for both a different section than the claimed point of diversion and place of use.

# **Source Name Objections**

51. Objector also filed objections to the source name of claims 40A 179852-00, 40A 179862-00, 40A 179865-00, 40A 179866-00, 40A 179879-00, 40A 179884-00, and 40A 179885-00, as follows:

The source name also requires correction, this spring does not flow into a named source.

52. Springs, even those that do not flow into a named source, are named using the first downstream or down gradient named source. According to the DNRC Claims Examination Manual:

c. <u>Unnamed Springs:</u> A claimed spring without a name or with a claimed name that does not meet the acceptable standardization criteria is considered an unnamed spring. To establish a standard source name, identify the first downstream (or down gradient, if not connected) named source, even if far away from the spring. This puts the spring in a sub-basin, enhancing the usefulness of the database. <u>Rule 11(c)(3).</u> <u>W.R.C.E.R.</u>

All unnamed springs will be standardized on the worksheet to "Spring, Unnamed Tributary of \_\_\_\_\_\_" (using the first down gradient named source). Attach the spring to an

unnamed tributary even if not apparently connected such as an ephemeral stream. Rule 11 (c)(3), W.R.C.E.R.

See Claims Examination Manual, VI, D.6.c.

## PRINCIPLES OF LAW

- 1. A properly filed Statement of Claim for an existing water right is prima facie proof of its content. Section 85-2-227, MCA; Rule 10, W.R.Adj.R.
- 2. Prima facie proof may be contradicted and overcome by a preponderance of the evidence. Rule 19, W.R.Adj.R.
- 3. A preponderance of the evidence is evidence that shows a fact is "more probable than not." *Hohenlohe v. State*, 2010 MT 203, ¶ 33, 357 Mont. 438, 240 P.3d 628.
- 4. If prima facie status is overcome, the burden shifts back to the claimant to demonstrate historical use. *79 Ranch v. Pitsch*, 204 Mont. 426, 432-33, 666 P.2d 215, 218 (1983).

- 5. The party seeking to overcome the prima facie status of a Statement of Claim bears the burden of proof. *Nelson v. Brooks*, 2014 MT 120, ¶¶ 34, 37, 375 Mont. 86, 329 P.3d 558.
- 6. Sanctions applied against objectors and intervenors may include dismissal of the objector or intervenor from the proceeding. Rule 22, W.R.Adj.R.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The objections to claims 40A 179832-00, 40A 179835-00, 40A 179836-00, 40A 179850-00, and 40A 179887-00 should be dismissed and the elements should remain as they appeared in the Basin 40A Preliminary Decree.

## **Priority Date Objections**

40A 179852-00

2. Objector did not overcome the prima facie status of claim 40A 179852-00. The affidavit requests the priority date be modified based on the land patent, however the land patent does not cover the point of diversion and place of use. Objector also did not provide sufficient other evidence supporting continuous livestock use at the point of diversion and place of use. The priority date for claim 40A 179852-00 should remain as it appeared in the Basin 40A Preliminary Decree.

40A 179862-00

3. Objector did not overcome the prima facie status of claim 40A 179862-00. The affidavit requests the priority date be modified based on the land patent, however the land patent does not cover the point of diversion and place of use. Objector also did not provide sufficient other evidence supporting continuous livestock use at the point of diversion and place of use. The priority date for claim 40A 179862-00 should remain as it appeared in the Basin 40A Preliminary Decree.

40A 179865-00

4. Objector did not overcome the prima facie status of claim 40A 179865-00. The affidavit requests the priority date be modified based on the land patent, however the land patent does not cover the point of diversion and place of use. Objector also did not provide sufficient other evidence supporting continuous livestock use at the point of

diversion and place of use. The priority date for claim 40A 179865-00 should remain as it appeared in the Basin 40A Preliminary Decree.

40A 179866-00

5. Objector did not overcome the prima facie status of claim 40A 179866-00. The affidavit requests the priority date be modified based on the land patent, however the land patent does not cover the point of diversion and place of use. Objector also did not provide sufficient other evidence supporting continuous livestock use at the point of diversion and place of use. The priority date for claim 40A 179866-00 should remain as it appeared in the Basin 40A Preliminary Decree.

40A 179879-00

6. Objector did not overcome the prima facie status of claim 40A 179879-00. The affidavit requests the priority date be modified based on the land patent, however the land patent does not cover the point of diversion and place of use. Objector also did not provide sufficient other evidence supporting continuous livestock use at the point of diversion and place of use. The priority date for claim 40A 179879-00 should remain as it appeared in the Basin 40A Preliminary Decree.

40A 179884-00

7. Objector did not overcome the prima facie status of claim 40A 179884-00. The affidavit requests the priority date be modified based on the land patent, however the land patent does not cover the point of diversion and place of use. Objector also did not provide sufficient other evidence supporting continuous livestock use at the point of diversion and place of use. The priority date for claim 40A 179884-00 should remain as it appeared in the Basin 40A Preliminary Decree.

40A 179885-00

8. Objector did not overcome the prima facie status of claim 40A 179885-00. The affidavit requests the priority date be modified based on the land patent, however the land patent does not cover the point of diversion and place of use. Objector also did not provide sufficient other evidence supporting continuous livestock use at the point of diversion and place of use. The priority date for claim 40A 179885-00 should remain as it appeared in the Basin 40A Preliminary Decree.

## **Source Name Objections**

9. Objector did not overcome the prima facie status of the source name for any of the above-captioned claims. The claimed springs were named in accordance with the Claims Examination Manual to enhance the usefulness of the DNRC database. The source names should remain as they appeared in the Basin 40A Preliminary Decree.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, this Master recommends that the Court adopt the changes as outlined above.

A post decree abstract of each water right claim reflecting the recommended dismissals and changes is attached to this Report.

## ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED AND DATED BELOW.

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## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP

## **BASIN 40A**

Water Right Number: 40A 179832-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: GEORGE L CREMER

PO BOX 276

MELVILLE, MT 59055 0276

LEO J CREMER JR

241 S. FRONTAGE ROAD BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 8030

Priority Date: JANUARY 25, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS

OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM.
THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY

TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

Volume: THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR

STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SIMMONS CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NWNW 29 4N 17E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** FLOWING

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NWNW 29 4N 17E SWEET GRASS

### ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP

### **BASIN 40A**

Water Right Number: 40A 179835-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: MC LAND & LIVESTOCK INC

241 S FRONTAGE RD

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 8030

Priority Date: JANUARY 25, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS

OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY

TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

Volume: THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR

STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SIMMONS CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NENWNE 18 4N 17E SWEET GRASS

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: FLOWING

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NENWNE 18 4N 17E SWEET GRASS

#### ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP

#### **BASIN 40A**

Water Right Number: 40A 179836-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: MC LAND & LIVESTOCK INC

241 S FRONTAGE RD

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 8030

Priority Date: JANUARY 25, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS

OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY

TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

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STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SIMMONS CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NESESE 9 4N 17E SWEET GRASS

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: FLOWING

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NESESE 9 4N 17E SWEET GRASS

### ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP

#### **BASIN 40A**

Water Right Number: 40A 179850-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: MC LAND & LIVESTOCK INC

241 S FRONTAGE RD

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 8030

Priority Date: JANUARY 25, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS

OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY

TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

Volume: THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR

STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SIMMONS CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 SWSWNW 18 4N 17E SWEET GRASS

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: FLOWING

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 SWNWNE 18 4N 17E SWEET GRASS

## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

## MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP

### **BASIN 40A**

Water Right Number: 40A 179852-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: GEORGE L CREMER

PO BOX 276

MELVILLE, MT 59055 0276

LEO J CREMER JR

241 S. FRONTAGE ROAD BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 8030

Priority Date: JANUARY 25, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS

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HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SIMMONS CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 SESENE 14 4N 16E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** FLOWING

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u> <u>Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

1 SESENE 14 4N 16E SWEET GRASS

## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

## MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP

### **BASIN 40A**

Water Right Number: 40A 179862-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: GEORGE L CREMER

PO BOX 276

MELVILLE, MT 59055 0276

LEO J CREMER JR

241 S. FRONTAGE ROAD BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 8030

Priority Date: JANUARY 25, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS

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HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SIMMONS CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 SWSWNW 25 4N 16E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** FLOWING

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 SWSWNW 25 4N 16E SWEET GRASS

#### ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP

### **BASIN 40A**

Water Right Number: 40A 179865-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: MC LAND & LIVESTOCK INC

241 S FRONTAGE RD

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 8030

Priority Date: JANUARY 25, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS

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HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SIMMONS CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 SESESW 17 4N 17E SWEET GRASS

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: FLOWING

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 SESESW 17 4N 17E SWEET GRASS

#### ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

## MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP

### **BASIN 40A**

Water Right Number: 40A 179866-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: MC LAND & LIVESTOCK INC

241 S FRONTAGE RD

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 8030

Priority Date: JANUARY 25, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS

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HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SIMMONS CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 SWSWSE 17 4N 17E SWEET GRASS

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: FLOWING

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 SWSWSE 17 4N 17E SWEET GRASS

## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP

### **BASIN 40A**

Water Right Number: 40A 179879-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: GEORGE L CREMER

PO BOX 276

MELVILLE, MT 59055 0276

LEO J CREMER JR

241 S. FRONTAGE ROAD BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 8030

Priority Date: JANUARY 25, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS

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HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SIMMONS CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 SESENE 14 4N 16E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** FLOWING

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u> <u>Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

1 SESENE 14 4N 16E SWEET GRASS

## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP

#### **BASIN 40A**

Water Right Number: 40A 179884-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: GEORGE L CREMER

PO BOX 276

MELVILLE, MT 59055 0276

LEO J CREMER JR

241 S. FRONTAGE ROAD BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 8030

Priority Date: JANUARY 25, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS

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HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SIMMONS CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 SESENE 26 4N 16E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** FLOWING

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u> <u>Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

1 SESENE 26 4N 16E SWEET GRASS

## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP

## **BASIN 40A**

Water Right Number: 40A 179885-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: GEORGE L CREMER

PO BOX 276

MELVILLE, MT 59055 0276

LEO J CREMER JR

241 S. FRONTAGE ROAD BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 8030

Priority Date: JANUARY 25, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

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Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SIMMONS CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NENWSE 26 4N 16E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** FLOWING

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NENWSE 26 4N 16E SWEET GRASS

## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP

#### **BASIN 40A**

Water Right Number: 40A 179887-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: GEORGE L CREMER

PO BOX 276

MELVILLE, MT 59055 0276

LEO J CREMER JR

241 S. FRONTAGE ROAD BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 8030

Priority Date: JANUARY 25, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

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Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SIMMONS CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NESESW 29 4N 17E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** FLOWING

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NESESW 29 4N 17E SWEET GRASS